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Alabama.

NEGRO FARM CLUBS HOLD CONFERENCE

Boys and Girls From Five States Attend Big Meeting at Tuskegee

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, April 2.—Special to The Advertiser.—Two hundred and eighty-six negro boys and girls of Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia and Alabama recently held their annual 4-H club conference at Tuskegee institute.

Twenty-six of the boys attending, who specialized in growing cotton according to club methods, raised an average of 1,476 pounds per acre; three of them raised more than 2,000 pounds per acre each. Ten corn club boys grew an average of 43.6 bushels of fine corn per acre and Alabama boys heading the list with 71 bushels per acre, according to figures and facts obtained by C. M. Kynette, state club agent.

Fifteen of the youths were sent to the conference with county funds or by white friends. One ambitious boy arrived at the conference prepared to stay at Tuskegee institute to learn more about better farming.

Oklahoma sent a delegation of 37 and won most of the first prizes.

FARMERS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN PICKENS COUNTY

Carrollton, Ala., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The annual farmers' conference for colored people in Pickens County will be held at the Pickens County Training School January 28th and 29th, at which time subjects of vital interest to both men and women will be discussed by able speakers.

Prof. J. E. Whitfield, representing the agricultural department of Tuskegee Institute, and Miss Delia Coleman, state supervisor of home economics, will speak on Friday, while various talks on subjects of interest will be made Saturday by many of the local speakers and visitors who are expected to be present on this occasion.

The Women's Club of this section will serve refreshments each day, for which no charge will be made, and every farmer is requested to attend the meetings each day and bring his wife with him.

The following program will be rendered:

Friday, January 28th, 10:00 o'clock, a. m.: Opening song, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," Prof. A. R. Spencer; invocation, Rev. N. Brooks; welcome address, Prof. R. M. Mitchell; opening topic, The Purposes of the Farmers' Conferences, Prof. C. Epps; The Woman's Place in the Farm Home, Miss Etha M. Campbell. Selection, Boys' Quartet. My Success of Failure as a Farmer, opened by W. B. Bonner, discussed by Rich Lang Walter Washington, Prof. A. R. Spencer, Ernest Colston, J. C. Oakley and others. 12:30 to 1:30, intermission. Opening Song, Mrs. Adelle Bonner. Address, Miss Delia Coleman. Selection, Boys' Quartet. Address, Prof. J. E. Whitfield. Walter Washington, President.

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NEGRO FARMERS HOLD CONFERENCE HERE

The Second Negro Rural Life Conference was held at the Conecuh County Training School Monday, January 24th, and was attended by a large number of negro farmers from over the county.

J. B. Jordan, negro Farm Demonstration Agent, urged upon those present the necessity of every farmer adopting a safe program for the ensuing year. The things stressed were listed on cards which he presented to everyone who attended the meeting. The following points were mentioned on the card:

Grow Ample Feed to Feed the Family ... a good summer and a winter garden.

Grow all the pork needed for home ues.

Keep enough cows to fully su all family needs.

Raise all the poultry and eggs family can use and some to sell.

Grow cane or sorghum for ... where practicable.

Grow All The Feed Needed

Make the purchase of feed for the work stock, poultry, hogs and cows unnecessary—a penny saved is worth two earned.

Keep up the Fertility of the soil

Grow cowpeas, vetch, soy beans, ... other legumes to plow under.

Sow rye, wheat, or oats in corn and cotton fields for pasture and to prevent winter washing and leaching.

Plant high-yielding quality cotton and care for it well.

Cooperate in reducing the number of varieties grown and in the orderly marketing of the crop.

One-fourth less cotton acreage in 1927, with average yields and present surplus would more than supply average requirements. Why plant more?

Mobile, Ala., Register

FARMERS' MEETING

Colored Growers to Gather at Conference in Plateau.

The fourteenth annual farmer's conference will convene at the Mobile County Training School, Monday, January 17. This conference is an annual affair at the training school and usually bring together hundreds of people from South Alabama, who meet with officials from the state department of education, specialists from Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, and the county farm demonstration agent and others interested in this work.

The object of the conference is to get in touch with the colored people of the county, and give them a short course in scientific farming, encourage poultry raising, garden projects etc.

Mobile, Ala., Register

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HELPING THE NEGRO TO FARM.

The conference to be held at the Mobile County Training School when officials from the state department of education, agricultural specialists, the county demonstration agent and others will talk to the negro farmers from many points in the southern part of the state is bound to result in much good. This is the fourteenth annual conference of this highly useful school. The purpose is to aid colored farmers in this section of Alabama, to instruct them in improved agricultural methods and to teach them to make better and more profitable use of the lands and their opportunities.

Everywhere in the South the members of the negro race are making progress in agriculture; they are giving more attention to new methods in farming; they are responding to the demand for diversification; they are learning how to raise what they need in their own homes; they are being taught many things about farming not considered essential in the old days when cotton was the only crop of any serious concern to farmers, white and black, in this part of the country, with the result that there has been marked improvement in the rural homes of members of the negro race.

These conferences will help to keep this movement under way and will continue the useful energies that are making for agricultural progress in this whole lower section of the country. Members of the colored race are responding happily to these efforts to aid them, and are thus improving the conditions under which they live.

Hartselle Ala

Colored Farmers Hold Interesting Session

Through rain and cold more than 500 negro farmers, their wives, and children, Friday made their way to the Morgan county Training school, Hartselle, Ala., to attend the 4th annual session of the Colored Farmers Institute. An interesting program, arranged by Principal R. M. McKenzie and Local Agent T. W. Bridges, embodying some of the important subjects on negro-rural life was rendered. The subjects of "Rural Credit and Finance," and "How to Meet the Conditions brought about by the Low Price of Cotton," were the principal topics discussed.

Reports from farmers in various sections of the county indicated that many farmers are now practicing diversification, that chickens, hogs, sows and truck are entering into the general system of farming and the farmers are better able to meet the present adverse condition of agriculture because they have to a certain extent grown food, feed and forage crops.

Another feature of the program was the ham show, which aroused great interest and excitement. Merchants and bankers of Hartselle offered valuable prizes for exhibits demonstrating skill in trimming and curing meat. Nearly 50 farmers entered the contest. An interesting address was delivered by State Agent E. C. Dobbs of Tuskegee Institute.

NEGRO CONFERENCE HELD LAST FRIDAY

The Meeting of Negro Farmers held in the Court House exceeds all expectations.

The meeting arranged by Mr. Carithers for the Negro farmers of Montgomery County was a complete success. The meeting was well attended and the court room was practically filled, especially during the afternoon session. The attendance was estimated at between 450 and 500.

The high school students from the Peabody Academy made up a good. ly portion of the total attendance Several talks were made by men who had made a study of their particular subject and presented many interesting facts pertaining to the economic and social condition in the rural communities. An interesting part of the program was the songs rendered by the Peabody Chorus and Quartet, and the quintet from Biscoe.

The outstanding features of the meeting was the talks of "Farmer" Hall, District Negro Agent, and J K. Hilyard, Principal of the Peabody Academy. Anothe interesting feature of the meeting was a song which "Farmer" Hall taught the people, entitled "I'll Grow My Home Supplies."

Several white people attended the meeting and were very much pleased with the program, especially with the music and the enthusiastic spirit which predominated throughout the entire meeting.

It is the consensus of opinion that the meeting was a success in every respect, and that much good will come there from; especially for the benifit of negro farmers living in

Montgomery County.

It was decided to hold this meeting annually and the date set was the second Friday in February.

C. D. Menafee, county demonstration agent, stated that the encouragement given to negro farmers by the Selma Chamber of Commerce will bring out a large number.

NEGRO PLANTERS GATHER IN SELMA

White And Colored Experts Will Talk Before Dallas County Gathering

SELMA, Ala., Feb. 9.—At the tenth annual meeting of the Dallas County Negro Farmers' and Workers' Conference, to be held at Selma University Thursday and Friday, emphasis will be placed on "Living at Home" by C. D. Menafee, Dallas County demonstration agent for negro farmers.

"Cooperative Marketing" will be discussed by A. W. Beck, of Beloit, in charge of Smith-Hughes work at the Dallas County Training School at Beloit, Ala. There will be a general discussion by farmers on "Reduction in Acreage," a report on health conditions by Octavia Wilson, all-time nurse for Dallas County; a report on rural schools by J. M. Powell, Jeanes supervisor for Dallas County, and "The Moral Welfare of Negro Farmers," by Probation Officer L. A. Davis.

Dr. Robert Thomas Pollard, president of Selma University, declared that arrangements are complete for the meeting.

Friday, beginning at 10 a.m., devotional exercises will be conducted by Dean A. F. Owens. At noon John Blake, county farm agent, will preside and present white visitors who will give talks on improved methods of farming.

T. M. Campbell, of Tuskegee Institute, district agent for negro demonstration agents of five Southern states, will deliver an address on "The Outlook for Negro Farmers of the South." Other experts will speak.

The preliminary meeting Thursday night in the chapel will be in charge on the business men of Selma. Dr. G. W. Moorer, of Selma, will preside.

Fifteen hundred, representing 50 county beats, attended the ninth meeting last year. President Pollard stated that a larger number of farmers and workers will attend the tenth session next Friday.

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LITTLE ROCK
ARKANSAS

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Negro Farmers Meet.—The Arkansas Colored Farmers Bureau, of which A. N. Neeley is president and P. J. Van Pelt is secretary, increased its membership about 500, the officers reported yesterday following a check of results of the meeting Thursday of negro farmers of Holt's Training School near Jacksonville. County Judge Newton was among the speakers. The Arkansas Colored Farmers Bureau makes loans to negro farmers. At present, it is said to have about 800 members.

Carpenters' Union Elects.—J. O. Ackerbloom, Little Rock, was elected president of the State Council of carpenters at a meeting held at the Labor [illegible] here. Other officers included:

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FARMER'S BODY IS PLANNED

WASHINGTON.—Melvin J. Chisum was elected director of a temporary organization formed to aid the [illegible] at a meeting held Sunday night, at New Liberty Hotel.

Due to the failure of the McNary-Haugen agricultural relief bill to pass Congress, and the fact that 72 per cent of the colored population is engaged in farming, this new organization was formed and expects to work along the plans of the National Urban League.

Officers named: R. J. Nelson, president; Charles E. Hall, vice president; W. H. Lawson, secretary, and C. [illegible] Pickett, treasurer.

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REPORTER
Lake City, Fla
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BOOSTER MEETING OF COLORED FARMERS

A conference and booster meeting of colored farmers of Columbia county was held at Richardsons Academy in Lake City, Saturday, for discussing farm problems and stimulating interest in cooperation in agricultural affairs. The meeting was presided over by E. S. Belvin, county farm agent for the colored farmers.

Among those who addressed the meeting were J. R. E. Lee, president of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College, school for negro youths' at Tallahassee, and A. P. Spencer Vice-President of the Extension Division of the University of Florida at Gainesville.

The gist of Lee's address was an exhortation to members of his race to take more interest in educational matters. He also favored longer terms of school over the rural sections. He advised those present to cooperate with the farm agent and school authorities that agricultural and general education should be advanced. The records showed that far too many children are not attending schools, he said. "I am afraid of ignorance," he said, "whether it be a race, a state or an individual. If I see a man whose mind is darkened by profound ignorance driving down the road in a Ford I drive to one side until he is by."

A. P. Spencer spoke at length advising those assembled to cooperate fully with their farm agent. He spoke of the work of the United States government and the Extension service and state efforts towards farm education and betterment and stated that if they used half of their intelligence in using half of the means of advancement extended they would make marked progress.

Several months ago the colored farmers organized a cooperative association for the purpose of cooperation in marketing farm products and received their charter recently. W. B. Bowles is president, F. T. Tate, treasurer and C. H. Rawls, secretary.

The farmers in the association are planning to grow and ship vegetables, cucumbers, tomatoes and beans, in particular, this year and will meet next Saturday afternoon at 220 Railroad street to lay out a definite program. They are considering the erection of a cooperative cannery also, Belvin said.

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Colored Farmers Meet June 21st

Colored Farmers Tickled to Death Over Their Fine Tobacco, It Is Reported

The colored farmers are looking forward to a fall crop with much interest. This is a step forward in the agricultural work among us as a whole. During the many years in the past we have only looked forward for one crop, but the drouth this spring has opened our eyes to the fact that it is very necessary to make up a little shortage in fall crops.

The drouth being broken with showers of blessings has helped the crops in general very much, though the tobacco and corn crops looked as though they would be a complete failure, but we remember that the old saying is that a stitch in time saves nine.

Tobacco has improved wonderfully. The local farm agent visited several fields of bright leaf tobacco that counts 26 leaves to the stalk. P. H. Belvin is all smiles since the tobacco has started to growing. W. B. Bowles is uplifted over his crop and says that behind each dark cloud the sun is still shining. F. T. Tate, S. J. Jones, B. Rents and many others are tickled to death over their fields.

As the wheel of time turns on, and science continues to make new discoveries, let the farmer look forward to better farming, more pure bred cattle, poultry and hogs.

While looking forward for better production, let's not forget home. The strength of a nation lies in the homes of its people. We need better homes on the farm. The hut and shack days are a thing of the past. We are living in a new age, an age of knowing how to live. We hope to see the day come when every farm will have complete homes with sanitary conditions in and around the home.

Let all the colored farmers be present Saturday, June 25, at 2:30 at the office of the agent, 212 E. Railroad street.

E. S. BELVIN,
Local Farm Agent.

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Georgia.

Farmers.

Athens, Ga. Banner-Herald

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Negro Farm Conference Underway Here

A two days' farm conference for negroes of this section opened at the Union Baptist Institute here Thursday. It will continue through Friday. The program includes addresses by leaders in the agricultural work of both the white and negro race.

The program for Friday follows:

9:30—Devotions, Rev. S. L. Durham and Rev. R. B. Barfield.

9:45—Discussion of 4 H Club No. 2, Miss C. L. Weems, district agent, Home Demonstration Work.

10:30—"Canning," Mrs. R. L. Martin, ex-Home Demonstration agent.

11:00—"Calf Club" by Dr. W. M. Burson, D. V. M.

11:45—"Curb Market," by Mrs M. L. Troutman, Curb Market Master.

12:30—"Marketing," by J. W. Firor, State Marketing Agent.

1:30—Women's Hour.

3:00—Address by Dr. A. M Soule, President State Agricultural College.

Barbecue dinner each afternoon "free."

"If you are interested in making this community more progressive and productive and prosperous join us each day. Get something to help your 1927 program."

Rev. W. M. Few, president.

Mrs. M. E. Hardeman, president.

Deacon P C. Jones, vice president.

Mrs. Eliza Allen, vice president

Prof. T. H. Smith, secretary.

Mrs. M L Alexander, secretary

D. A. Starks, Farm Demonstration Agent

C. H. S. Lyons, principal of school

SAVANNAH, GA.

FEB 15 1927

FARMERS HAVING CONFERENCE HERE

ANNUAL MEETING AT GEORGIA STATE INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE

The annual farmers conference is being held at the Georgia State Industrial College (colored) today The session began this morning There is a number of farmers from all over this section attending the meeting.

Common Sense Program.

This morning the discussion centered about a common sense farm program. Some requirements for successful farming were given and among the subjects discussed were soil building, staple crops to grow, money crops, land ownership, and livestock, the latter subject being divided as follows: Cows, hogs and poultry.

Farm Credit.

This afternoon there was a discussion of farm credit, how to get it. The marketing of crops, rural schools and rural homes and their relation to the farms were also discussed.

The conference will come to a close today. It was preceded by a meeting of county agents yesterday. Among the speakers was Gratz Dent, county agent of Chatham.

FARM OWNERSHIP ONE OF OBJECTIVES OF NEGRO FARMERS

DECLARATIONS ADOPTED AT CONFERENCE AT STATE COLLEGE

At the closing session of the farmers' conference at the Georgia State Industrial College yesterday those attending adopted declarations favoring farm ownership by the farmers, raising balanced crops and livestock, better schools and co-operation.

The declarations follow:

Own Farms.

We, the farmers and workers assembled in our annual conference at the Georgia State Industrial College, send greetings to our fellow workers in all sections of this county. Despite the drawbacks that we have had and the depression that has come from over production of cotton and other staple crops, we are in as good shape as we could possibly expect. It is now for us to make our plans to avoid depressions. We urge you to plan your farm so as to have balance. Use "A common sense farming program." In order to get started on a common sense farming program, we vigorously urge that:

1. Every man who does not own a farm should begin now to buy one. The man who tills the soil ought to own the soil. A permanent successful country life can not be had unless the men who work on the soil own the soil. A people that fails to get possession of the soil will inevitably pass away and be forgotten. Get a farm and encourage everyone else to get a farm. Buy a farm and beautify the home on this farm. Georgia ought to have not 16,000 negro farm owners, but 75,000 farms owned and controlled by negroes.

Diversification of Crops.

2. We cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of balancing our crops. "Do not put all the eggs in one basket" is just as good a maxim in the farm business as in any other business. We must learn to diversify—plant more crops and have more sources of income on which we can depend. Plant cotton, but let this be a surplus crop. Be certain to plant corn, potatoes, peas, beans, sugar cane, rice and all other crops needed for the use of the family before planting large acreages of crops that will probably be marketed at a disadvantage. Plan for yourself a good system of crop rotation that will constantly build up the soil. Only in this way will we be able to leave a legacy worthwhile to our family.

Livestock.

3. We must have livestock. Some hogs, a cow, and fifty to 100 hens should be found on every good farm. It is not good farming without livestock to eat up the waste and furnish a market indirectly for products that cannot be marketed directly, from day to day. Eggs can be sold every day in the year. A good farmer will have hens that lay when eggs are a good price. The average yearly yield of eggs per hen in Georgia is less than sixty eggs per year. Some hens lay more than 300 eggs per year. Secure good hens, good hogs and pure bred cows. These make farming worth while.

4. Our schools should be made better. Only as we educate our people along right lines can we gain permanent prosperity. The race of people that has most intelligence will in the end be the race that will control the wealth of the earth There is too much illiteracy in Georgia. We must set as our goal the abolition of illiteracy in every community and home in this state In order to do this, we must have better school houses, longer school terms, better teachers and teachers who receive pay for their services. The school should be the center of all that is beautiful and uplifting in the community. We cannot have this condition with delapidated school houses, and school terms of four and five months per year.

The courses of study in these schools should train boys and girls for life on the farms as well as for professions and trades that take them away from the community.

Co-operation.

5. We should learn to work together. Every man in the community in which we live should consider himself a part of a great whole, and should seek to work in unison with his neighbors in their efforts to improve themselves economically and socially. Only in this working for a common community end can we attain the most satisfying community life.

6. We are in the South to stay. Realizing this, we should never let an opportunity pass to make friends with our white neighbors. Good race relationship should be the aim of every community, county and state. White people can and will help us. We can and do add much to their life. Let us frown upon everything that tends to draw the two races apart. Pull for your neighbors, whether they be white or black. Let him know that he can count on you at all times as a sympathetic friend. Pulling apart white and black will fail, but working together, all things are possible.

7. Finaly, we urge you to enjoy your life on the farm. There is no place on earth where a man should have a larger amount of happiness than on the farm if he will find it for himself, and take time to enjoy it. Learn to hunt, fish and play in your off time. Read as well as work and God will smile upon us and make our work and life a success.

Thomaston, Ga., Ti...

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MEETING FOR NEGROES AT FORT VALLEY

The 10th Annual Combined Meat and Poultry Sho... and Conference for the Negro ...ers of Peach and Houston Co. ... will be held at the Fort Va... High and Industrial School Thursday and Friday, March 10th and 11th. The plans as outlined by the County Farm Demonstration Agent promises the biggest and finest Show and Conference yet held on the school grounds. Senator George is expected to come dwn from Washington to make the principal address. On the program will also appear the famous Dr. George W. Carver, the great Scientist and Industrial Chemist of Tuskegee Institute. All those who heard Dr. Carver last year are most anxious to again hear from this man so deeply versed in scientific arts.

There will be exhibits of over 500 cured hams and 100 pens of pure bred chickens. The meeting will close with a great Free Barbecue to be held on the beautiful High School grounds. This is expected to be one of the big events of the year in this community.

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NEGRO FARM CONFERENCE AT FT. VALLEY MARCH 10-11

The tenth annual combined meat and poultry show and conference for the negro farmers of Peach and Houston counties will be held at the Fort Valley ... and Industrial school Thursday and Friday, March 10 and 11. The plans as outlined by the county farm demonstration agent promise the biggest and finest show and conference yet held on the school grounds. Senator George is expected to come down from Washington to make the principal address. On the program will also appear the famous Dr. Geo. W. Carver, great scientist and industrial chemist of Tuskegee Institute. All those who heard Dr. Carver last year are most anxious to again hear this man so deeply interested in scientific arts.

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O. S. O'NEAL, Co. Ag. Agent.

Fort Valley Hold Big Conference

Annual Farmers' Meeting and Poultry Show Next Week.

Fort Valley, Ga., Mar. 2 Under the auspices of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the State College Athens, co-operating, the tenth annual Home Cured Meat and Poultry Show Farmers Demonstration Mass Meeting Educational Rally and Free Barbecue will be held at the Fort Valley High and Industrial School, March 10th and 11th.

County Farmer Demonstration Agent O. S. O'Neal has held these meat shows for ten successive years, and he plans to make this the best in the history of Peach and Houston Counties. Club members of the men and boys Hog and Pig clubs of the two Counties will exhibit 400 pieces of hickory smoked meat, mainly hams and bacon strips.

County Home Demonstration Agent Mrs. Toomer is directing the club women, club girls, and farmers wives of raising and improvement of poultry. Houston and Peach counties in the They will have on exhibit 100 pens of pure bred chickens.

Already County Farm Agents have received letters from P. H. Stone, State Agent, of Savannah, Ga. calling the Annual agent meeting at Fort Valley. Fifteen Agents from various counties are urged to come and bring farmers from their respective counties. A large delegation of agents and educators from Tuskegee is planning to be present. "How to Meet Present Farm Conditions" and "Making Farming and Poultry Raising Safe" will be subjects for discussion.

Dr. George W. Carver, noted scientist and chemist of Tuskegee, who has developed over 100 different products from the sweet potato, 190 products from the peanut, and over 100 form common clay, is expected to deliver an address. Some of the other speakers are Senator George; Mr. W. T. Anderson, editor of the Macon Telegraph; Col. S. A. Nunn, Perry; Mr. S. H. Lee, and Mr. Walter B. Hill.

Under the direction of Jeanes Supervisor Pearlie E. Reed, the rural schools of Houston and Peach counties will stage an exhibit of the industrial and literary work that has been done this year. There are thirty-nine schools in the two counties and each will exhibit its best work on Friday March 11th. Special addresses will be delivered to the trustees of Houston and Peach county schools by Supt. H. P. Houser, of Houston county and Supt. Ralph Newton, of Peach county.

Communities are co-operating by furnishing one hog apiece for the free barbecue and Brunswick stew which will be served on the H. and I. School grounds Friday afternoon at the close of the conference.

Through the co-operation of banks, editors of leading newspapers, merchants, business men, and others interested in the work, prizes amounting to over $100.00 in cash and merchandise will be awarded for the exhibits in the different departments.

COLORED FARMERS CLOSE MEETNIG

Teachers Take Part in Program at Statesboro

Statesboro, Ga., Feb. 20.—Colored farmers and teachers of Bulloch closed a most interesting two days' session.

Annie Livingston and Ruth Summerlin, two of the oldest and most successful teachers of the county, were elected secretaries. By order of the Board of Education all the colored schools of the county were closed and teachers required to attend the conference. William James, principal of the colored high school, gave the welcome.

Prof. Tola Harris, assistant vocation director of Georgia, was introduced and spoke interestingly on the necessity of soil building, farm ownership, part-time classes and giving the boys a chance on the farm. He said: "We should make our farms so attractive and paying that we would have no trouble keeping our boys with us."

The topics, "What to Plant and When" and "What I Accomplished Last Year and What I Expect to Accomplish This Year," were helpfully discussed by A. R. Pope, Steve Riggs, M. Hodges, W. H. Riggs, H. W. B. Smith, Alex Hall, T. W. Riggs, Ruth Summerlin, Lula Bowman and Mamie Henley.

W. H. Riggs, one of the most successful colored farmers of the county, stated with but little fertilizer he grew every year an average of 35 bushels of corn to the acre.

On Saturday morning Hon. B. R. Olliff addressed the conference. He stated that more foodstuff and diversification of crops were two of the outstanding means of relief.

He said: "Practice co-operation and economy and we couldn't fail." He said he had noticed with much interest and pleasure the co-operation of many colored farmers with their neighbors, white and colored, and that when the colored man thought that the white man was his enemy he was far from correct.

The afternoon session was turned over to Julia Bryant, supervisor, who conducted a round-table talk among the women. Those making the most interesting talks were Corene Burns, Angeline Smith, Lizzie Riggs and Cleo Pope.

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COLORED FARMERS CONFERENCE AND COMMUNITY FAIR

The Third Annual Farmers Conference and Community Fair of the Adel Colored School and the county of Cook was held in the High School Auditorium on Friday February 25th, 1928. This was indeed the greatest affair that we have ever had in the school's history.

The Agricultural exhibits were said to have been the best ever witnessed in Georgia, with one exception of Southeastern State Fair. This exhibit consisted of graded sweet potatoes Nos. 1, 2 and 3, corn, onions, turnips, routabagas, hams, middlings, lard syrup, pumpkins, canned fruits, lye soap, fifteen coops of pure breed chickens, collards, turkeys and beans

The Manual Training exhibit consisted of book cases, center tables, self-feeders for hogs, book cases and ends picture frames, rub-boards, carved flowers, free hand and mechanical drawing.

The people of Adel and Cook county at large feel very proud of Prof E. Z. Phillips, Jr., and his efficient service that he is rendering to the school and community at large.

The exhibit by the Home Economic Department of the Adel High School was indeed very good. The Sparks River Bend, Bear Creek, Shiloh, Lenox, Little Bethel and LaConte schools rendered very creditable exhibits

There were several prizes awarded to the different schools. The Adel school won the first prize of $5.00 The second prize of $3.00 was awarded to the Riverbend school, the third prize of $2.00 was awarded to the Sparks school. There were five prizes of $1.00 each to the following schools, Bear Creek, Lenox, Shiloh, Little Bethel and LaConte.

There were fifteen prizes awarded to the Vocational boys and farmers for creditable exhibits. The Cook County Exchange prize of a 48 pound sack of flour was awarded to Mr. Will Williams for the best variety of farm products. Mr. J. H. Whaley, cash store, prize of a 24 pound sack of flour was awarded to David Jackson for the best litter of pigs to age. Mr. John Taylor's Market and Grocery prize of a 24 pound sack of flour was awarded to David Jackson for the best barred rock chickens. The Shaw Hardware Co., prize of one bridle was awarded to Eli Sharpe, for the best variety of vegetables. The Corner Drug Store prize of one Durham Duplex Razor was awarded to Thomas Seymore for the best barred rock chickens. Mr. Sineath Grocery Store prize of a 10 pound sack of sugar was awarded to Calvern Wetherspoon for the best selected sweet potatoes. The Adel News prize was awarded to Will Williams for the best sides of meat, and can of lard. The Adel Drug Company prize of a gents pocket book was awarded to James Hall for the best selected seed corn. The Campbell Motor Company prize of an inner tube of the best grade to fit any automobile tire was awarded to Mr. Henry Roberts for the best pig to age. The Adel Service Station prize of an inner tube of the best grade to fit any automobile tire was awarded to David Jackson for the best cured ham. The W. B. Wilkes Co., prize of a dress shirt was awarded to Jefferson Lane, for the most industrious boy in Vocational Agriculture and for the best variety of a poultry exhibit. There were three prizes of $0.50 each for the best pieces of wood carving awarded to Thomas Seymore, Jefferson Lane and William Bryant. The prize of $0.50 for the best piece of joint work was awarded to Plato Hall.

Ella M. Hall our most worthy Supervisor deserves much credit for the excellent services that she is rendering to the colored people of Cook County.

The total value of all prizes given away was $50.00. We are looking forward with much pride to have $100.00 to give away in prizes at our fourth Farmers Conference and Community Fair in 1928.

The distinguished speakers of the day were as follows, Rev. P. T. Hollow... Adel, Ga., Prof. D. C. Boykins, Valdosta, Ga., and Prof. S. H. Lee, Field Agent of the Rosenwald Fund, Barnesville, Georgia. These distinguished gentlemen rendered able addresses, which were enjoyed to the highest by an audience of over five hundred. These men and women, boys and girls left the school highly inclined to do more in the future in order to make our next Farmers Conference and Community Fair a far greater success than this one in every way.

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Georgia

Farmers.

Farmer's Conference February 15

Savannah Evening Press

Announcement has been made that the Farmer's Conference will held on February 15th at the Georgia State Industrial College. The College authorities in confegence decided that the general subject for this year's Conference will be "A Common Sense Farming Program."

Invitations have been sent to farmers, teachers and preachers in all parts of Georgia that they may be here to help in this valuable counsel to the program that will mean permanent progress to the entire State.

Some of the questions to be taken up for discussion are "Soil Building," "Fertilizers", "What Crops to Grow", "Financing the Farm", "Cooperative Marketing", "Better School Buildings," "Beautifying Home", "How to Improve My Community", "Land Ownership."

The College will provide entertainment for all farmers and workers. It is expected that several hundred farmers will be present.

That everything will be in readiness to start the conference promptly at ten o'clock Thursday morning, February 10, it goes without saying. Two of Augusta's famous bands have already been secured and the program will begin in high gear so to spea, rain or shine, cold or hot on scheduled time.

Waycross Herald

JAN 23 1927

NEGRO SCHOOL PLANS. FARMERS' CONFERENCE

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Waycross, Ga. Telegraph

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It is the seventh annual farmer's conference for Ware county negro planters. The sessions will be held in the auditorium of the new negro Central High school.

Vienna, Ga., News

FEB 24 1927

NEGRO FARMERS TO MEET IN FT. VALLEY MAR. 10-11

The 10th Annual Combined Meat and Poultry Show and Conference for the Negro Farmers of Peach and Houston Counties will be held at Fort Valley High and Industrial School Thursday and Friday, March 10th and 11th. The plans as outlined by the County Farm Demonstration Agent promise the biggest and finest Show and Conference yet held on the school grounds. Senator George is expected to come down from Washington to make the principal address. On the program will also appear Dr. George W. Carver, Scientist and Industrial Chemist of Tuskegee Institute. All those who heard Dr. Carver last year are anxious to again hear from this man so deeply versed in scientific arts.

There will be exhibits of over 500 cured hams and 100 pens of pure bred chickens. The meeting will close with a Free Barbecue to be held on the high school grounds. This is expected to be one of the big events of the year in this community.

Augusta Chronicle

JAN 26 1927

COLORED FARMERS TO HOLD CONFERENCE AT WALKER BAPTIST INST.

By W. R. MACK

Doubtless the greatest event in the new year, most especially in this section of Georgia and adjoining states, will be the annual Farmer's Conference slated at Walker Baptist institute, Fberuray 10 and 11. According to President J. L. Bennett and his enthusiastic supporters not a stone will be left unturned to make this the greatest effort in the history of the conference. For indeed, the farmers are as anxious about this meeting as the board of management and they are viewing with each other relative to farm exhibits in a manner so commendable that there is nothing else to predict, but success.

Already so soon scores of able farm demonstrators from all over the state have accepted President Bennett's invitation to be present and speak to the large delegation of farmers which will assemble at Walker institute from Richmond, Columbia, Linclon, Jefferson, Emanuel, Jenkins and Scriven Counties.

Jacksonville, Fla. Times-Union

JAN 4 1927

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Special to Times-Union.

WAYCROSS, Ga., Jan. 3.—The annual negro farmers' conference of Ware county, to which the farmers of adjoining counties have been invited, will be held in Waycross Friday and Saturday. Officials of the state college of agriculture have been placed on the program, it is announced by A. H. Hinesman, negro county agent.

Reports of last year's work and a program of activity for 1927 will be the principal topics to be considered at the two-day meeting. Addresses on pertinent farm topics will be made by leading authorities of the state.

WASHINGTON FARMERS MEET IN TENNILLE

Tennille was victorious in having the Washington county's conference.

Prof. F. Dutchie and his efficient faculty in cooperation with the farmers of that vicinity did not leave a stone unturned in the preparation for the coming of the Washington county farmers' conference, which was held at the Tennille High school. Teachers and farmers from the various parts of Washington county were present in large numbers. This was the first meeting of its kind ever held in Tennille. One of the white business men gave a hog to the barbecued for the benefit of the many invited visitors and guests. Some of the farmers boiled whole hams and their wives brought food in baskets, boxes and tubs. A representation of the business men of this city led by the mayor and accompanied by the pastor of the white Baptist church, a banker, doctor, merchant, cotton and fertilizer dealer was present and took an active part in the conference. Three of these business men were placed on a committee as judges for the hog calling contest in which five participated. The prizes were two pairs of plow lines but the judges' decision was that all of the callers were winners and therefore the committee, Mack Session, Robert Davis and W. C. Little, decided to make up sufficient fund and give each contestant a pair of lines.

The mayor of Tennille delivered an address on "Negro Land Ownership via of the Cow, Sow and Hen Program." He very beautifully brought it out that the colored farmers must adopt the thrifty habit of bringing in some weekly and monthly income or suffer.

Mr. L. C. Cooper, Hancock county agent, made a talk on "Am I Playing Safety First in Increasing My Cotton Acreage behind a crop of eighteen million bales?" Better homes were discussed by Miss Camilla Weems, district demonstration agent of Washington county. Home beautification was discussed by Miss Comella Weems, district agent for home demonstration of Georgia, Savannah. "How am I going to meet the farm needs of 1927?" was discussed by farmers.

Mr. P. H. Stone, state agent for Negro work, Savannah, hit a home run in Washington county by outlining a no-miss-hitting farm program. Mr. S. H. Lee, Rosenwald school builder and the field agent for the state teachers association, talked about how to get better school houses. Mr. Usher, a representative of the Fort Valley high school, urged the teachers of Washington county to attend summer school. Mr. H. S. Flagg spoke of his success as a farmer from three angles, honesty, industry and thrift. Demonstrations were given in the form of an industrial panorama, such as dish washing, the proper care of a room, table setting, making biscuits Parkerhouse rolls, doughnuts, a labor saving kitchen, step cutting, etc. Contests were as follows: Cow calling; hog calling and spelling. There were many 10 ear corn exhibits. Discussion by M. A. House, "A cooperative progressive community church school and home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Jones of Savannah were present. Mr. Jones made an excellent talk on land ownership in Washington county. These and many other good things were carried on during these two days but time and space will not allow us to say more. We are very grateful to all who cooperated in the fostering of this great agricultural movement.

Cordele, Ga., Dispatch

MAR 9 1927

SENATOR GEORGE SPEAKS AT NEGRO FARM SHOW

Senator Walter George will address the tenth Annual Home-Cured Meat and Poultry Show and Farmers Demonstration Mass Meeting to be held at the Fort Valley High and Industrial School on Thursday and Friday, March 10th and 11. The show is held under the auspices of the U. S. Department of Agriculture cooperating with the State College, Athens. Unusual preparations are being made to isure the biggest and best meeting of this kind ever held in Georgia.

Dean E. C. Russell of the high school has just returned from a conference at Tuskeegee Institute with the message that Dr. George W. Carver, the famous Scientist and Chemist would address the show and meeting on Friday morning, March 11th. Dr. Carver, who has developed so many hundreds of commercial products from the lowly sweet potato, peanut and pecan, recently refused a salary of $17,000 a year from Thomas 5A. Edison.

A large crowd is expected to be on hand to hear Dr. Carver

The meeting will close with barbecue and Brunswick stew.

Atlanta, Ga. Constitution

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Athens, Ga., Banner Herald

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AMERICUS, GA. Times-Recorder
AUG 15 1927

THE NEGRO FARMERS' BARBECUE LAST WEEK

Americus business men furnished a barbecue for the negro farmers of Sumter county who attended the three-day farm institute here last week.

This is a worthwhile custom and should be perpetuated from year to year.

It shows the colored farmer in particular and the negro race in general that Americus business is interested in the welfare of the negro farmer; that business desires him to prosper; that in this county he has numberless white friends; that this is his home, where he may prosper and be happy if he works and follows the laws of God and man.

One example of the benefits from the institute is the 400 negro farmers pledged themselves to produce on their farms next year all of their feed and food stuffs; to use their automobiles for business and less pleasure; and aid in stamping out ignorance and lawlessness among their race.

The three-day institute is a splendid thing for him and should receive the co-operation of the entire county—black and white.

Conferences, Farmers - 1927

Louisiana.

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THE SHREVEPORT

Negro Farmers Meet Will Close Friday

The negro farmers' conference, in session at Gayle, La., has attracted a great deal of attention among the farmers. The sessions are in charge of S. W. Jones and Rachal Moore, Caddo parish agents. D. L. Jamison is president, and E. G. Allen, secretary of the conference. The conference closes Friday.

The principal speaker at the morning session Thursday was W E. Simmons, assistant state club leader, of Baton Rouge. Talks were also made by J. B. Anthony, Caddo parish farm agent, and T. J. Jordan, state agent for negroes. An address was made at the afternoon session by L. E. Hall of North Carolina, who was sent to Louisiana by the United States department of agriculture, to aid in the rehabilitation of farms in the flooded areas.

Conferences, Farmers - 1927

Maryland.

FARMERS MEET AT GIBBONS I.

RIDGE, Md.—The Second Annual Farmers' Conference will be held at the Cardinal Gibbons Institute on February 22.

This year special emphasis will be placed upon the practical experience of the farmers themselves, and to get the best results from the conference the program will be conducted under the form of round-table discussions, conducted by the most successful farmers in Southern Maryland. The general topic to be discussed is: "How I Made Money in 1926."

James F. Armstrong, local agent, Seat Pleasant, Md., will talk on, "The Arrangement of a Plan of Work for 1927." Dr. Oldenburg, University of Maryland, will explain the methods of organizing and conducting 4-H clubs.

Principal V. H. Daniel is planning a real surprise for the farmer bringing the largest group of farmer-friends to the conference.

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AUG 27 1927

MR. MOORE SPEAKS TO NEGRO FARMERS AT CONFERENCE

Some Are Wasteful, Some Cowards and Some Are Vain; Human Progress Is Slow and Must Begin As a Personal Proposition.

We are publishing below an address delivered Thursday by Zeno Moore before the Negro conference held at Providence school in this county:

There are certain traits, some of them worthy, many of them unworthy, that are so universal that we may just call them "human traits" and let go at that. The unworthy traits are vastly in majority. A few have most of the best of them. We gladly submit many of them; and are hardly free from any of them. One person is so often affected by the traits of another. At times we are forced to feel that the effect from the bad is more contagious than is that from the good.

Therefore, human progress must be slow and tedious. Must begin as an individual proposition. It is an uphill voyage, and the wayfarer is often quite lonesome. We spend money to develop thought, and yet we look suspicious upon any who dares to express a thought that is just not like that of other folks. The man who first said the world is round, got into very serious trouble, and yet the world moves according to that principle.

The first to undertake to make ice in heat of summer was subject to defy the will of God and like.

That was about the time I was born. Now ice in summer is more than a luxury, it is a common necessity. Think how dependent we are upon it for keeping or transporting food products. The fisherman could not dispose of his catch, and the inland dweller might be starving for fish. And so with field crops, fresh meats and dairy products.

In addition to all else, folks are lazy. By that, I mean unwilling to put forth the necessary effort for the well-being of themselves, or for those for whom they have assumed responsibility. Some, physically lazy, others mentally so. Of the two, it is hard to say which is the worse.

Folks are wasteful. They will buy the material necessary to enrich a tobacco plant bed, work it into good tilth, let insects damage the plants, leave that fertile bed to become a home for weeds, insects and all manner of plant diseases. Then they think to buy, in actuality, they do without the things this bed would produce, almost without cost of labor or capital.

Folks are cowards. We humor our wants at whatever cost. We seem to be afraid to govern our actions by our actual needs. Folks pay staggering prices for contraband whiskey, but twenty cents a quart makes it prohibitive.

Folks are vain, especially the men. Tell a fool that he is smart or wise and he'll feel honored to give you his last crumb of tobacco. Remind him of his short comings, and he is ready to spit into your face. Every man thinks himself a smart shrewd trader. That is largely why we persist in making a crop for which our only disposition is a sale, and from such sale expect to buy what we know we must have, and which we could produce, even more cheaply than can those on which we depend for supply.

Folks pay for entertainments, but shy at information.

Of course, not all of us are guilty of these sins. Woe betide us, if we were! But so many of us are guilty of so many of them that we shall make no progress, so long as we all try to do (or do so without trying) just like everybody else.

There has never been a constructive thought in which everybody joined voluntarily and at once. It was not so in the time of Noah nor in our own war of the Revolution. Now it is evident, that if one wants to break away from these or other bad habits and become a better farmer, a better citizen, he must not wait for the tide of "other folks" to move him. Just screw up your courage, be honest with yourself, and first try to ascertain what is best for you and do that thing faithfully and conscientiously, hoping that others may follow. In that way "a little leaven leaveneth much leaven."

Waycross, Ga., Journal Herald

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Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, the Lions Club, and other organizations will appear on the welcome program at the Center City High School Thursday night.

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Colored Farmers' Convention and Barbecue.

A convention of the colored farmers of Coweta county will be held at Newnan Chapel Methodist church next Monday, and the good people of Newnan are cordially invited.

All colored singing classes of the county will be present and take part in a song contest. The class rendering the best music will be awarded $2.50 in gold.

Rev. P. H. Travis, of Atlanta, will speak at 11 a. m. and Hon. W. C. Wright at 3 p. m.

At 8 p. m. the Boys' Boxing Club will entertain the spectators.

All kinds of barbecued meats, fish and other refreshments will be served during the day and at night.

This will be a big occasion for the colored people of the county. Come and bring your friends.

Rev. Joseph Griffith, Pastor.

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North Carolina.

Lumberton, N. C., Robesonian

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Helpful Talks Made At Negro Farmers Meeting

Much Valuable Information Given at County-Wide Meeting in Lumberton —Large Crowd Attended.

FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS PLANNED BY HOME AND FARM AGENTS

Reported for The Robesonian.

A large crowd attended the county-wide farmers meeting on the 20th.

The county-wide farmers meeting for negroes was represented by farmers and their wives from all over the county.

The first talk was made by Dr. J. H. Haywood. He emphasized the fact that boys and girls should be encouraged to remain at home; and one way by which this could be done is for the father and mother to take the boy and girl in as partners in the farm and home work.

4-H Club Work.

Miss Flora Lee Card, white county home demonstration agent, made a very interesting talk on boys and Girls 4-H Club work. She stated that the 4-H club is an organization for rural boys and girls. First, it is to improve conditions about the farm and home and show the possibilities of rural life. Second, it aids the future men and women in getting a living. These and other important facts were emphasized by Miss Card.

How To Divide a Farm.

The subject "Now" was certainly an eye opener to the 150 farmers who came to Lumberton on the above date for information. This topic was discussed by I. E. Hall, district agent. He stated the time to worry about low prices of cotton and tobacco is "now", and not next fall. The farmers need a plan to work by and they are the only people working without a plan. He also stated that the farmer should divide his farm in the right proportion. A 20-acre farm should be divided in the following: Corn 6 acres, hay 2 acres, pasture 2 acres, potatoes (white and sweet) 2 acres, garden 1-2 acre, Sorghum 1-2 acre, orchard 1 acre, money crop 5 acres. With this should go 1 mule, 2 cows, 1 sow, 50 hens. These handled properly will give the farmer more money at different seasons of the year. He also stated that he had never seen a man sold out who had a crib full of corn and plenty meat in his smokehouse. The blessing of earth is toil.

Live-at-Home Plans.

Mr. C. R. Hudson, State agent, also came in with a lot of good information on "The Live at Home plans" for 1927. He explained the condition of cotton growing in Texas and Oklahoma, and clearly showed the farmers that it would be a matter of impossibility for them to compete in cotton-growing at the present price. More gardens and better gardens was also emphasized; and the speaker stated that he was then looking into the face of a lady who raised 52 different kinds of vegetables in her garden last year. It does not pay to cultivate poor land. Growing crops cheaper is equivalent to high prices. To improve the soil, the landlord should buy the seed and the tenant plant same. A contract should be made, one for the landlord and one for the tenant, so there will not be any misunderstanding. Cooperation on the part of landlord and tenant would mean better crops.

Mr. S. J. Kirby, specialist, made a very interesting talk on "Pastures and How to Make Them." He stated that Robeson county was a great place for pastures. To show how important pastures are, he produced figures to show that 1-2 of the live stock in the world is raised on pastures. Children need milk for muscles, health and brains. The feed problem is the biggest problem that has not been solved. The average farmer uses his mule about 90 days per year on the farm and buys hay all the year, when he could feed on the pasture two-thirds of the time. To make a real pasture we should use 20 lbs of Lespedeza, 8 lbs. carpet grass, 6 lbs. Dalas grass. Many other interesting things were brought out by Mr. Kirby, in regard to pastures.

Trucking As Money Crops.

Trucking as a money crop was discussed by Mr. O. O. Dukes, county agent. He also told how the Fairmont truckers succeeded last year with beans and what they are doing this year in regard to the planting of lettuce, peas and beans. The greatest need of the farmer now is to have something that will bring in some money during the latter part of spring and early summer. This is the time the farmer really needs money; so there is nothing better for the farmer than growing truck or having 50 hens in connection with a little cotton and tobacco.

Clothing work, especially in regard to colors, was emphasized by Miss Dazelle B. Foster, district home agent. By having a large number of samples of cloth, Miss Foster showed how we could select colors to blend with our complexion. She also stated that we had five colors to select from and out of these we can make many colors. Very few people can wear solid colors. Young people can wear gay colors; but they are not so becoming to old folks. This lecture alone was worth the trip to Lumberton by the women.

The local farm agent and the home agent have planned to continue these meetings throughout the county in order that a larger number of our people may be helped in their farm and home work.

A. G. THOMPSON,
Secty. Advisory Board.

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NEGRO FARMERS MET SATURDAY GRAHAM

Meeting Was to Discuss Plans By Which Farmers Could Effect Safe Program For 1927.

Thirty negro farmers, representing practically every section of the county met for a county-wide farmers meeting at the court house in Graham on Saturday afternoon, January 8.

The farm agent stated briefly the purpose of the meeting, which was to discuss plans by which the farmers could put into effect a safe farm program for 1927.

A brief summary of the work done in 1926 was given by the local farm agent. The main speakers of the day were Mr. I. E. Hall, district farm agent, of Raleigh, and the Hon. R. W. Scott, farmer and member of the state board of agriculture. Mr. Hall spoke about the farm program for 1927, and urged farmers to plant crops in the right proportion if they hope to succeed as farmers. Mr. Scott urged the farmers to be thrifty and to practice economy, and encouraged them to become land owners.

At this meeting an agricultural advisory board was elected to co-operate with the farm agent in carrying the program to every community in the county. The program is as follows:

1. Grow sufficient grain and roughage for all livestock.
2. Have an all year round garden.
3. Keep at least 50 laying hens.
4. Keep one or more cows to supply milk.
5. Produce sufficient pork for the family needs.
6. Plant cotton and tobacco only on lands best suited for them.
7. Have at least two money crops.
8. Begin a definite rotation of crops to improve the soil.

If this program is carried out by Alamance county farmers they will have no need to worry about the low price of cotton and tobacco.

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NEGRO FARMERS HAVE PROGRAM

They Will Endeavor To Put Farm Life On Higher Scale, First Living At Home

At a recent meeting of the negro farmers and others interested in farming, held at the A. and T. college, a well balanced program of activity was adopted as the goal toward which the negro farmers of the county would strive. The live at home idea was stressed throughout and all were urged to first provide sufficient rations for home use, the money crop to be a secondary consideration, which was attended by the advisory council.

The report of County Agent Webb showed there were 13 communities in the county now engaged in the demonstration work, with a goodly number of clubs formed. Many phases of farm life were touched by this work, there being 553 project demonstrations in soils, farm crops, horticulture, dairy husbandry, animal hubandry, poultry, rural engineering and economics. There were 217 demonstratons engaged under the direction of the agent in carrying on these demonstrations. Yield per acre of corn and wheat were increased.

Agent Webb submitted the following program for 1927, which was adopted:

(1). Each farmer should grow sufficient grain and roughage to supply the needs of his work stock. A good ration for one work animal for one year is approximately 50 bushels of grain and two tons of hay.

(2). Each farmer should have a pasture.

(3). Grow an all-year-round garden for the purpose of supplying the needs of the family with the necessary vegetables. A garden plot of one half acre is ample to furnish vegetables for a family of five.

(4). Keep at least one family cow to supply the family with milk and butter. The use of milk and butter in home will result in better health, a reduction in doctor's bills, as well as the saving from the reduction in other food products now purchased.

(5). Produce sufficient pork for the family's needs. Each farmer should keep one brood sow and grow at least two litters of pigs each year. This would resuire 125 bushels of corn, 50 pounds of fish meal and 50 pounds of wheat shorts.

(6). Have at least two so-called money crops. Since there is a possibility of the price of tobacco falling, supplement tobacco with sweet potatoes and white potatoes as money crops.

(7). Keep at least 50 laying hens to supply the needs of the family. In order to maintain this number it is necessary to raise at least 10 young chickens. Feed these hens properly and good returns will be obtained.

(8). Begin a definite rotation of crops, which should include a legume crop grown on at least one fourth of the cultivated area.

Agent Webb further recommended that a community checking-up should be made on: (1) Farm ownership; (2) crop production—hay, corn, gardens; (3) live stock production—poultry, cows, hogs; (4) farm implements—plows, cultivators, drills, mowing machine; (5) housing condi-

tions—dwellings, barns; (6) home conveniences—water, bath electrical conveniences; (7) marketing—local, shipping co-operatively.

It is the desire of Agent Webb that each community select one of the projects and perfect during this year the project chosen.

In attendance at the meeting were representatives from the following clubs: Florence, Collins Grove, Sedalia, Jackson, Elm Grove, Oak Spring, Gibsonville, Big Poplar and Mt. Zion.

Headed by L. L. Hall, state agent several short talks were made by A. M. Murray, local home agent; M. C. Falkener, county supervisor; John Brice, Sedalia; F. Marcellus Staley director agriculture, A. and T. college; W. B. Harrison, farm superintendent, A. and T. college and President F. D. Bluford.

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NEGRO FARMERS WILL HOLD MEETING

The News is requested to announce that all Negroes interested in better methods of farming are invited to be present at the Willard test farm, on Thursday, September 15.

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'CONFERENCE FOR NEGRO FARMERS

To be held at Providence School Aug. 25; Supt. Currin With Others to Make Farm Talks.

There will be held at Providence school on the Rocky Mount road beyond the county home a conference for Negro farmers, wives and children on Thursday, August the 25th.

Mr. R. E. Currin, superintendent of the test farm, will be present and talk on "What a Test Farm is Meant to Do for Farmers" Mr. Zeno Moore, county agent, will talk on some subject which will be of interest to the farmer.

Mr. William Sanford, farm demonstrator at the Brick school and Prof. T. S. Inborden will be with us. Mr. Sanford will talk on "Gardening," which will be of interest, especially o the women and children.

Canning done at the short courses will be exhibited at this conference.

Farmers from every section of the county are urged to be present the 1st Thursday in August as I shall ot be able to have another conference at any other point this season.

The program will begin at eleven o'clock, please bring dinner.

upervisor of Negro Rural Schools.

CARRIE L. BATTLE,

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NEGRO FARMERS TO MAP OUT PROGRAM

Will Discuss 'The Next Step In Safe Farming' At Meeting Monday

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Introductory remarks will be made by E. C. Dobbs, state agent and R. C. Adkins, director agriculture department, Tuskegee Institute. Following the remarks talks will be made by the following: L. N. Duncan, director extension in Alabama; Jesse B. Hearin, farm section, Chamber of Commerce; Haygood Paterson, of Rosemont Gardens and member County Board of Revenue.

Intermission for lunch will be observed at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, after which the speeches will be continued. The afternoon speakers include T. M. Campbell, United States Department of Agriculture and field agent for the lower Southern states; Mrs. Mamie Thorington, home demonstration agent, Montgomery County; Edward A. O'Neal, president Alabama Farm Bureau Federation and Lem A. Edmondson, county farm agent, Montgomery County.

The conference will be thrown open to the public, with farmers especially invited to hear discussions on "The Next Step in Safe Farming." The conference was organized through efforts of J. T. Alexander and L. R. Daly, county agents. H. C. Trenholm, president of the State Normal School, will preside.

welcome to the school. State Agent E. C. Dobbs discussed the work of the county demonstration agents and Prof. R. C. Atkins, Director of Agriculture at Tuskegee Institute discussed the advantages of cooperative farm organizations as a present-day necessity. Jesse B. Hearin, of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, discussed the problems of dairying and emphasized the progress which had been made in Montgomery County along this line.

The speakers of the afternoon included Miss Estelle Forney, district supervisor of home demonstration work; Dr. L. N. Duncan, director of extension work in Alabama and County Agent L. A. Edmondson, of Montgomery County. All three addresses stressed possibilities of organized marketing and described ways in which the Farm Bureau and the curb marketing systems had made possible an improved system of distributing farm products.

The farmers went into a formal organization at the first county farmers' organization among the negro farmers of Alabama. O. C. Crowe, of Jackson Prospect Commmunity was named as president with W. M. Campbell, of Waugh, as chairman of the executive committee.

The display of farm products on the platform was quite attractive and represented the interest and work of County Agents J. T. Alexander and Laura Daly, who sponsored this conference along with the assistance of Profs. U. S. Jones, Lillian Dabney and H. Councill Trenholm.

NEGRO FARMERS ORGANIZE AT MEET

Will Work Out Cooperative Plan Of Marketing; O. C. Crowe Chosen President

Using as a slogan, "The Next Step in a Safe Farming Program," the colored farmers of Montgomery County conducted a conference at the State Normal School on Monday. The session was the first effort of its kind and was conducted throughout the day under the direction of the negro county agents.

The morning session was opened with remarks of President H. Councill Trenholm, who stated the purpose and possibilities of the conference and who extended the farmers a cordial

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South Carolina

CONFERENCE HELD AT VOORHEES SCHOOL

On yesterday the 17th annual conference of farmers was held at Voorhees school at Denmark. A large number of business men as well as farmers was present and in the afternoon Prof. Pierce, a graduate of Tuskegee Institute addressed the assemblage, giving out much needed information. A number of white citizens were present, which goes to show that these conferences are very valuable.

COLUMBIA, S. C.

JAN 27 1927

SUMTER NEGRO FARMERS AGAIN OUT IN FRONT

Special to The State.

Sumter, Jan. 26.—For the second year in succession Negro farmers of Sumter county have come out on top in corn yield on demonstration acres in competition with other counties in the state. The report of J. C. Maloney, farm demonstration agent here, shows that N. L. Plowden, who lives near Lynchburg, raised 101 bushels of corn on one acre in the adult class. There were 13 adult demonstration acres and the average yield per acre was 50 bushels.

In the boy class, Walter Moses of Oswego led with a yield of 87 bushels on his acre. There were 31 boys entered in the contest and their average yield was 40 bushels to the acre.

FARMER'S CONFERENCE HELD AT DENMARK, S. C.

Denmark, S. C., Feb. 19—On Wednesday the seventeenth annual Farmers' Conference was held at the Voorhees Normal and Industrial School. There were present approximately seven hundred visitors, mostly farmers and their families. While the great majority of the visitors live within a radious of ten miles of the school, there were groups present from Williston, Borden, Sumter, Walterboro, Orangeburg and various other communities of an equal distance.

At a quarter of eleven the people assembled in the auditorium of Kennerly Hall where principal J. E. Blanton introduced the speakers of the occasion. "How We Can Live Well at Home on the Farm" was the first subject discussed, the discussion of which was led by J. J. Gosser of Denmark.

Joseph Johnston of Borden discussed the subject: "Which is it more important for the farmer to own, a home or an automobile." "What is a suitable substitute for Cotton as a money crop" was discussed by Allen Jordan of Denmark. A short address was made by U. S. District Farm Agent Harry Daniels of Orangeburg. At noon Voorhees was hostess to its several hundred guests at a dinner served in the spacious dining hall. The menu consisted of sausage, rice beans, macaroni pie, bread, ice cream and coffee.

The outstanding feature of the afternoon session was the address of Professor J. B. Pierce of Staunton Va., who is the U. S. Negro Extension Agent for the State of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Prof. Pierce is a graduate of the Staunton Institute ad of Tuskegee. His address was a clear and practical one along the lines of improved agricultural methods and better living conditions.

The program of the day was interspersed with musical selections furnished by the school band and the Voorhees male quartette. A part of the lower floor of Kennerly Hall was converted into an exhibit room. Both the agricultural exhibit and that of domestic arts were excellent representation of the work done by students of the school and its disciples. Placards bearing such inscriptions as: "Have a Year-Round Garden. Rotate Your Crops. Diversify Your Crops. Mix Your Own Fertilizers. Whitewash our Fences," were placed conspicuously at the entrance of the assembly building. There are three hundred students at Voorhees and these were present in addition to the seven hundred guests.

RECORD
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Colored Farmers Have Conference

The annual conference of negro farmers will open Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at Eastover under the leadership of J. E. Dickson, county farm agent for negroes of Richland county. The conference will probably be one of the largest held in the county and a varied program has been arranged.

Baseball between Eastover and Gadsden negroes will start the program, and after this a tilting tournament will be held. Speaking will begin at 3 o'clock with an address of welcome by the mayor of Eastover and a response by tne Rev. J. W. Jenkins. The speaker of the day will be Senator James H. Hammond.

Dickson reports that weevils have increased 200 per cent in the last ten days and are destroying everything from squares to small bolls and a few of the large ones.

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GREENWOOD S. C.

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NEGRO FARMERS MEET AT BREWER

New Principal Extends Welcome—Next Meeting August 4th

The Negro Farmers' Association of Greenwood County held its first meeting of the season at Brewer Normal School, July 11th. The meeting was well attended and many of the problems confronting the farmers at this season were discussed.

W. A. Armwood, the new principal of Brewer Normal School, addressed the association and welcomed the farmers and the people and organization to make full use of the school, grounds and buildings. He pledged his years of educational experience to the maintenance of the high place the institution has reached in the esteem of the people of the country and said that "Brewer will continue to be a fountain from which the highest ideals of religious, moral, academic ,and economic training will be given to the negro youth of the country." In addition to the work Brewer has already done in the development of the health, religious and economic conditions of the country around, he plans the addition of one of the most thorough vocational and industrial departments to be found in any school. He believes that an education which does not prepare a person for service to the community in which he lives and fit him so that he can rear and support a family in comfort while he gives them a chance to become good citizens fails in what should be tis real purpose.

Very timely addresses and pledges of support to Brewer Normal School and its new program were made by Rev. H. A. Mancel, H. C. Williams, J. D. Dean, A. P. Klough and others.

The following officers were re-elected: A. P. Klough, president; George W. Butler, secretary, and R. B. Rodgers, treasurer. The next meeting to which all leaders and farmers are urged to be present, will be held at Brewer Thursday, August 4th. After the meeting the farmers were served refreshments in the dining room of the school.

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NEGRO FARMERS MEET AT BREWER

Number of Important Matters Are Given Attention

The Negro Farmers' Association of Greenwood county met on the 4th. in the auditorium of Brewer Normal School with a good attendance of both men and women.

Instead of consuming the time with a talkfeast this meeting will go on record as the beginning of some much needed services for Negro farmers and citizens in this section.

After short pointed remarks by President Klough and several others, which called attention to some of the needs of the farmers, W. A. Armwood, principal of Brewer Normal School, suggested a definite program for the Association that will lead to the accomplishment of some of the needs as set forth by the previous speakers. He called attention to the possibility of securing a Jeans worker to serve the women and children in the rural districts, a demonstration agent for the men and boys on the farms, and the need of the farmers to support the Piedmont Negro Fair and make a big showing for this part of the state. As a result of the reminders, the following committeees were appointed: To canvass for students for Brewer Normal School; to offer the services of the Association to help the Piedmont Fair Association in their efforts to develop a good fair this year; to secure the reappointment of a demonstration agent for Negroes and, to secure a Jeans worker for the county.

The Association will meet again at the same place on August 18th at 2 o'clock p. m. All farmers with their wives and friends are invited White friends are welcome.

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NEGRO FARMERS CONGRESS AT P. V. HOLDS INTERESTING SESSION; AWARDS PRIZES TO CONTESTANTS

(By C. H. WALLER, State Leader)

Special to The Informer.

1500 attended the 20th annual session of the Negro Farmers' Congress and Short Course at Prairie View. At this meeting lectures and demonstrations were given on farm and farm home problems, such as judging grain, livestock, poultry, hogs; terracing; jam and jelly making; sewing; canning; etc.

Assisting with this meeting and short course were Director Charles H. Alvord; State Agent H. H. Williamson; Misses Lola Blair and Jennie Camp; J. L. Thomas, E. R. Eudaly, George W. Barnes and E. A. Miller from College Station. These members of the white division of extension service gave lectures and acted as judges in the various contests, and awarded the $1050 that was given as prizes.

Club boys and girls contested in the following contests: Judging grain, livestock, poultry and hogs; running terraces; canning; sewing, and operating can sealer. As awards in the 1926 crop contest the following prizes were given: David Ford of Smith County for producing 102 bushels of corn and 300 pounds of shelled peas on one acre, $150; Leandrew Aycock, Lavaca County, for 65 bushels of corn on worn out sandy land, $100; Russell Sapp, Houston County, for 2680 pounds of seed cotton on one acre, $150; Mildred Cleaver of Cherokee County, for 2100 pounds of seed cotton on one acre, $100. In addition to this, $218 was awarded in various sums in the judging contests.

The girls were awarded on general exhibits, which consisted of a complete display of all work required of them from the four years work outlined by the department, $240. These prizes were distributed as follows: Rosetta Jackson, Houston County, $50.00; Sarah Montgomery, Washington County, $40.00; Ollie Mae Whitehead, Harris County, $40.00; Lovie Mae Williams, Guadelupe County, $30.00; Fannie Mae Harkey, McLennan County, $30.00; Auda Lee Martin, San Jacinto County, $20.00; Pinkie Salters, Marion County, $20.00, and Marguerite Redix, Matagorda County, $10.00.

Worthy of special mention is the time consumed in the dressmaking and can-sealing contests. The dresses were cut and made complete in two and one-half hours. The winner in the can sealer contest set up the sealer and sealed one can in fifty-seven seconds. Enthusiasm ran high throughout the meeting, and the farm folk left brimful of new ideas, and a determination to put them into practice in their homes and on their farms.

800 AT BRUNSWICK FARMERS' MEET

Conference At St. Paul Sch'l

Officers Re-elected For 23 rd Successive Year

THIS COUNTY PROVED WEALTHIEST IN VA.

Race There Farms $66,680 Acres Worth Million And Quarter Dollars

LAWRENCEVILLE, VA. —The annual Brunswick Co.-St. Paul Farmers' Conference was held Thursday and Friday of last week, on the grounds of St. Paul's School.

Quite 800 men and women attended the two days' session.

The Conference was organized 23 years ago, by the Rev. Dr. James S. Russell, Principal of St. Paul's School, and a few other farmers of the county.

Among that handful were H. C. Green, Ephraim Gains, owner at one time of 1,000 acres of land, enjoying the distinction then of being the largest Negro land owner in the state; James Anderson Green, 527 acres and Ruffin Callis, 600 acres. These three men were the top notchers in land-owning. Mack Wheeler, former member of the legislature, Osborne Winfield, Alfred Stanback, Daniel Travis, Thomas H. Butts and a few others. Only a few of the organizers are still living.

Dr. Russell was elected President; H. C. Green, Vice-President; W. H. Haines, Secretary and Thomas H. Butts, Treasurer. With the exception of the Treasurer, who has removed from the county, these officers have been elected successively for twenty-three years. The new treasurer is J. B. Travis.

The Conference is "a non-political, non-sectarian body whose only object is to encourage our people to buy land, build homes, educate their children and become good citizens and useful members of society." Thursday's session was given over to reports on home and community conditions. These reports were based on a questionaire, "Crops of Community". The consensus of replies showed many communities growing in whole or part food supplies for man and beast, at least one cow, poultry and a fair proportion of women, who sold butter, chickens and eggs sufficient to buy thread, dry goods and small household necessities. Most communities reported good church buildings, but service with few exceptions, once a month.

President Russell

The feature of the afternoon session was the annual address and review by President Russell and the "Live At Home" Conferences conducted by Vice-President and County Agent, H. C. Green. President Russell's address emphasized the importance of growing a sufficiency of food stuffs for man and beast first, and then the market crop; the evil of going into debt for non-essential things; importance of sending their children to school regularly; providing needed creature comforts; elevation of the social and moral atmosphere of the home; obedience to law and order; payment of poll taxes and possession of pure religion.

In giving statistics of land ownership he referred to the fact that when the conference was organized less than 40,000 acres were reported and not a single improved school. Now the report of the Auditor of Public Accounts and the land books of the county showed an ownership of 66,680 acres of farm land valued with the buildings thereon at $1,192,636, and town lots and buildings valued at $44,505 making a total assessed realty value of $1,237,141, the greatest assessed value of Negro owned land in any county of the State. The report showed that Brunswick stood first in the number of Rosenwald schools, 14 in number. These schools cost over $30,000 of which the people contributed $10,000 according to figures given out from the Superintendent's office and the Rosenwald people.

The night session was featured by free movie films loaned by the U. S. Agricultural Department. The subjects were "Progress Made By Negroes In Acquiring Better Farms And Homes", and the "Control of Stable Flies". These reels were supplemented by films of St. Paul's School, showing its various activities.